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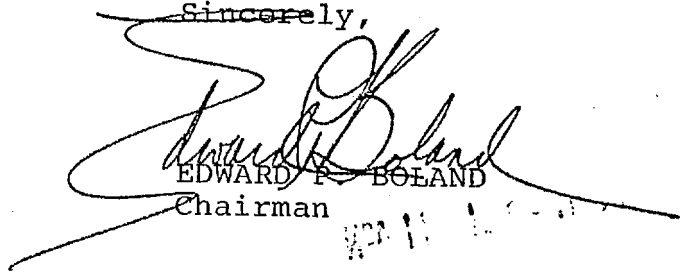Central Intelligence Agency
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Dear Admiral Turner:

House Resolution 658 establishing this Committee requires it to make every effort to assure that the appropriate departments and agencies of the United States provide informed and timely intelligence necessary for the Executive and Legislative branches to make sound decisions affecting the security and vital interests of the Nation. A general sense also conveyed in the Resolution is the need for the intelligence community to be more forthcoming with the information it produces.

The Committee's interest in providing informed and timely intelligence to users and the need for informed public awareness recalls that considerable efforts were underway a year ago on decompartmentation. The staff is also aware that a draft DCID had been prepared as a result of an almost year long study. The Committee would like to receive a briefing on the present status of decompartmentation.

An associated issue that might be treated with decompartmentation or separately is what the general guidelines are for releasing classified information. This includes that information which is released publicly, as in the case of recent CIA reports on the Soviet grain harvest and trade with the West and that so-called "leaked" information which appears in various newspapers and journals, but which is not attributed to either the intelligence community or the Department of Defense.

Sincerely,

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